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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. The disclosure was objected to for a group of identified informalities. Claims 1,5,10 and 15 were objected to for a series of informalities. Claim 13 was objected to for being dependent on/but identical to claim 12. Claims 5,15 and 20 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph for being indefinite. Claims 1-5,89,10-15, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Jourdaine et al (5,979,932) as supported by Sakakida et al (6,378,896). Claim 7 and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jourdaine et al. As supported by Sakakida. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jourdaine in view of Sakakida.

Claims 6 and 16 were objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 19 was allowed as written. Claim 20 was determined to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the 112 rejections.

**The Specification/Claims**

The specification was amended to remove the identified informalities. Similarly, the claims were amended to remove the identified informalities and 112 indefiniteness issues. Claim 13 was amended to remove the unintended redundancy of claim language.

**Allowable Material**

The limitations of claim 6 and 16 (including underlying limitations) have been amended into claims 1 and 10 respectively. Claims 6 and 16, in addition to 14 and 14, have been accordingly canceled. The Applicant respectfully submits that this places claims 1-18 in condition for allowance.

The indefiniteness issues with claim 20 has been removed, thereby placing claims 19,20 in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his recognition of the allowable subject matter. Applicant submits that all objections and rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments that would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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